Functioning of undertaking under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

1319. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of the various undertakings functioning under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof, undertaking-wise; and

(c) the assistance provided to those Undertakings which are not performing well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The performance of the undertakings under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers is reviewed on a regular basis. These reviews focus, inter alia, on the overall performance of the undertakings, achievements of production targets, turn-over, profitability, progress of project implementation, energy conservation and pollution control. The problems being faced by the undertakings are also discussed and all possible assistance is provided to overcome them.

Committee to determine liabilities

1320. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 62 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1994 and state:

(a) what is the progress made by the three member committee to determine the liabilties into the DPEA and whether it has finalised any case so far;

(b) what is the latest progress in each case and by when the recommendations would be finalised; and

(c) what is the status of the committee and whether its findings would be binding on the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Drug Prices Liabilities Review Committee (DPLRC) has already commenced functioning All the relevant data concerning tentative liabilities assessed against the drug companies have been made available to the DPLRC which has studied the cases in details. Hearings have commenced. As already answered in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 62 answered on 28th July, 1994, the Three Member Committee is independent in its functioning. The findings of the Committee will be purely of recommendatory nature.

Introducion of brands by multinational Companies

1321. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multinational companies are introducing their brands at very high prices in the country even before the GATT proposals are introduced;

(b) what are the names of formulations introduced by multinational drug companies during 1994 and what are their prices, composition, strength and pack of each;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of leading Indian companies having similar products are even less than half;

(d) if so, names of such products and their prices;